

### **AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

#### **LISTING OF CLAIMS**

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A fastening belt for wrapping electric cables, comprising:

an elongate belt having a plurality of protrusions extending from each of two sides of the belt, a plurality of slots defined through the belt and each of said plurality of slots including an operation section, each operation section being positioned [[which is]] offset from the slot corresponding thereto and being positioned central to said slot, each of said slots and each corresponding operation section being positioned symmetrically about a central axis, and each of said plurality of slots being vertically aligned with adjacent ones of said plurality of slots; and,

a plurality of bending [[portion]] portions being defined by the operation section of each of the slots and being bent outward from the belt.

Claim 2 (Original): The belt as claimed in claim 1, wherein the slots are transversely located between the two sides of the belt.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The belt as claimed in claim 1, wherein each of said plurality of ~~[[the]]~~ bending portions ~~[[each are]]~~ is in ~~[[a]]~~ the form of a rectangular plate.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The belt as claimed in claim 1, wherein each of said plurality of ~~[[the]]~~ bending portions ~~[[each are]]~~ is in ~~[[a]]~~ the form of a ~~[[trapezoid]]~~ trapezoidal plate.

Claim 5 (new): The belt as claimed in claim 1, wherein each of said operation sections has an arcuate contour and is in open communication with a pair of opposed end sections of a corresponding one of said slots.